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Very Respectfully
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Polk County O. V. Oct 31st 1856

Dear Brother
I received an order on John C. Davidson from J. Y. Bur banks for thirteen hundred dollars. I have presented the order and he paid seven hundred dollars and accepted the balance of the order which I suppose will be paid. I wrote to you soon after Father's death and requested you to write to me all about his business in that Country but have not as yet received an answer if you have not written when you receive this be sure and write all about it. I informed you in my other letter that I had administered on the estate, we intend to give Mother any property that she may wish and then about Two thousand dollars in money to loan out so that she can live on the interest, and then after paying the debts funeral expence and expence of administration we intend to divide the balance that belongs to the estate ^{among the heirs} that is in this Country among the six heirs that are here, and then let the four heirs that are in the States have the same amount per heir out of the property in the States and then we can divide the balance equal among the ten heirs. Mother and all the heirs in this Country wish you to sell all the land in the States as soon as possible so that when we are all living we can make a good title you know that if any one of us was to die and leave minor children, there would be no chance to make a good title, Mother

will assign her dower to the land there at any time. if you sell you can have a deed made out and send it out here for us to sign and acknowledge or send out a power of attorney for us to sign. we cannot send a power of attorney now for the want of the No^s of the land. Father owned some land here if we can sell it we will have to send a deed to Illinois for you all to sign. Edward Ground talks some of taking the land here. I hope he or some of the other heirs may take it. though we can make no final disposition of the land here at this time for the reason that he ^{claimed} ninety acres that is uncertain whether he holds or no. he had a deed for one hundred and sixty acres.

Father said before he died that he thought that William ought to make some allowance out of his share of the estate for what money he paid for him. I have talked to some of the heirs here since and they say tell him (William) to make just what allowance that he is a mind to and they will be satisfied for he knows more about it than any of the rest of us, we are trying to settle up the estate just as Father requested us to on his death bed. Mother is living with Isaac Butler yet, do not be uneasy about her for she shall be well taken care of, write to me if Isaac Butler made a deed to Father for the land that he swapped with

with him for land in this country or not all the land that Isaac had there belongs to the estate. Father gave him 320 acres of land here for it, I will write to you as soon as we make a division and let you know how much each heir receives. we are all well and all the connection so far as I know it has been very healthy here since last spring we had a little flux of sickness then, young grass is putting up here now about like it is in that country in May. I have sold my claim that I now reside on and will move in a few days on to a section of land that I have bought in one and a half miles of Maumouth a place where we are trying to build up a school it is taking a beautiful start. there is two stores there and another going up and also a drug store people are building and preparing to build considerable. the school has about seventy five scholars now and would have more if they could get boarding come to Oregon in about two years if you want to see fruit, it beats any place that ever I saw or read of for fruit. that is apples and pears, but make good for peaches. I have seen the largest apples here that ever I saw any where, and the trees bear so young. they will bear in two years from the time they are ~~set~~ in the orchard. people take more pains with

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